



E. Chapter 76.09 RCW (Forest Practices)

The Forest Practices Act (the Act) was originally passed in 1974 – Washington’s first comprehensive law addressing the impacts of forest practices on the environment. The goal of the Act is to protect the state’s natural resources while maintaining a viable forest industry. The Act also established the Forest Practices Board (the Board). The Board works with the public, stakeholders and the Department of Natural Resources to develop and adopt forest practices rules and approve guidelines that apply to practices on non-Federal and non-tribal forestlands.

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